

REMARKS

The above amendments to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2005 (U.S. Patent Office Paper No. 20050721). In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due reconsideration to this application, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

Status of the Claims

As outlined above, Claims 2, 4 and 6 are presently pending in this application. Claims 9, 11 and 13 through 15 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Prior Art Rejections

The Examiner rejected claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) on the grounds of being unpatentable over Momirov (US Patent No. 6,484,209) in view of Lau (US Patent No. 6,052,373). In addition, he rejected claims 11 and 13-15 as being unpatentable over Momirov '209, and Lau '373 and further in view of Long et al. (US Patent No. 6,728,238).

The Examiner considered claims 2, 4 and 6 allowable over the prior art of record. Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for his consideration in this matter.

As outlined above, claims 9, 11 and 13 -1 5 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. As such, the prior art rejections outlined above are hereby rendered moot, whereby the remaining claims are now allowable over the prior art of record.

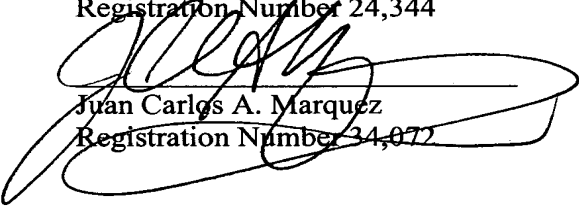
Conclusion

In view of all the above, Applicants respectfully submit that certain clear and distinct differences as discussed exist between the present invention as now claimed and the prior art references upon which the rejections in the Office Action rely. These differences are more than sufficient that the present invention as now claimed would not have been anticipated nor rendered obvious given the prior art. Rather, the present invention as a whole is distinguishable, and thereby allowable over the prior art.

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and telephone number indicated below.

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